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TITLE: METHOD OF EARLY BUFFER RETURN

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2007 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111, 37 CFR § 1.115, or 37 CFR § 1.116. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.